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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Jonathan A. Ellman, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/534,706

Filed: March 23, 2000

For: METHODS FOR TREATING
NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS
USING ASPARTYL PROTEASE
INHIBITORS

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: 1611

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 15, line 1, delete "13,".

Claim 33, line 1, delete "31,".

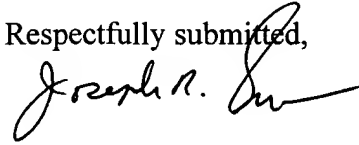
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.



If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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